

STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

**JUDGE ANA MARIA MARTINEZ**

**PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

**AUGUST 4, 2023**

**10:00AM**

Division 6  
Judicial Tower  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Courtroom D

Nakeya Burton  
Civil Case Manager  
404.687.7135

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IN THE STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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**ORDER OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVISION VI  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE AND CIVIL JURY CALENDAR**

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**Consolidated Pretrial Order and Motions in Limine must be filed by: July 27, 2023**  
**Mandatory Pretrial Conference to be held via Zoom: August 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Civil Trial Dates: August 15<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>**

DeKalb County continues to monitor the COVID-19 emergency and has the technology to conduct the calendar virtually. **Lead counsel must appear virtually for the pretrial conference. All parties shall contact the Court via email to the Civil Case Manager, Nakeya Burton ([nlburton1@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:nlburton1@dekalbcountyga.gov)), by July 27, 2023, for further instructions regarding proceeding with the Hearing using the Zoom application. Counsel must include ALL parties on any email correspondence with the Court.**

All cases should expect to be reached during the week of trial. Cases may be called out of order as scheduling demands. **Parties will be specially set for trial during the pretrial conference.** The parties are reminded to review the Court's **Standing Order** as they prepare the proposed Consolidated Pre-Trial Order and in anticipation of their attendance at the Pre-Trial Conference.

Parties must submit a **CONSOLIDATED** Pretrial Order in conformity with Uniform State Court Rule 7.2 by **July 27, 2023**, via email to Ms. Burton in Word format. Failure to respond to this calendar by the deadline, or to submit the proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order to Ms. Burton, may result in the parties and/or their counsel being held in **CONTEMPT** and/or in the **DISMISSAL** of the complaint, answer, counterclaim, cross claim or third-party claim, as appropriate.

All Motions in Limine shall be filed on or before **July 27, 2023.**

The **removal** of a case from the Pre-Trial/Jury calendar for any reason shall **ONLY BE BY ORDER OF THE COURT AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT BY July 27, 2023.** A Motion for Continuance and/or Extension of Discovery must be by consent of all parties and a **Consent Order submitted in Word format to Ms. Burton**, at the same time as the Motion is filed with the Clerk of the Court.


**Lead Counsel is required to be (virtually) present at the Mandatory Pretrial Conference on August 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** In preparation for the pretrial conference, parties are directed to:

- Email Ms. Burton a copy of the Consolidated Pretrial Order **in Word format**;
- Discuss settlement options **prior** to the Pretrial Conference and be ready to discuss settlement history with the Court;
- Discuss any motions *in limine* that have been filed and make a good faith effort to resolve them; and
- Discuss any objections in depositions to be presented at trial and make a good faith effort to resolve them. **All unresolved objections, together with argument and citations, shall be brought to the pre-trial conference, with a copy to the Court.** Any objections not brought before the Court prior to trial shall be deemed waived.

**Parties are directed to contact via Ms. Burton via email at: [nlburton1@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:nlburton1@dekalbcountyga.gov) regarding the calendar, trial matters and instructions by the deadline indicated in this Order.**

Standing Order and Calendar may be viewed at: [www.dekalbstatecourt.net](http://www.dekalbstatecourt.net)

SO ORDERED, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
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Judge Ana Maria Martinez  
State Court of DeKalb County



**State Court Civil Calendar**  
**Judge Ana Maria Martinez**  
**Pre-Trials**

08/04/2023  
10:00 AM  
Zoom

**Case**

**Parties**

**Attorneys**

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( 1 )	17A62825	PEYTON FREEMAN, a minor and the Surviving Child of TALIAH FREEMAN, Deceased, by and through his Guardian SANDRA GALLO	Jacques Alpacino Barker; Matthew E Cook; Matthew E Cook
		--- VERSUS ---	
		ACE American Insurance Company	Andrew Eaton; Andrew Eaton; Henrietta G Brown; Andrew Eaton

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**Personal Injury**

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( 2 )	19A73694	MARIE HUGHES, as Authorized Administrator for the Estate of GEORGE HUGHES	Kyle R. Jackson, Sr.
		--- VERSUS ---	
		Venetian Hills Apartments, LLC	James B McClung

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**Tort - Wrongful Death**

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( 3 )	19A73712	Alecia Castleberry	Yehuda Smolar; Yehuda Smolar
		--- VERSUS ---	
		Brennon Steib	Grant Butler Smith; Grant Butler Smith
		Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company	

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**Tort - Auto Accident**

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Case	Parties	Attorneys
( 4 )	19A74460	Rick Tomcho
		Christopher M Simon
	---	VERSUS ---
	Jet Executive Limousine Service, Inc.	James T Budd; James T Budd; Kim M Jackson
	Progressive Premier Insurance Company of Illinois	
	Personal Injury	
( 5 )	20A80890	Teresa Bridges
		Ashley W. McMahan
	---	VERSUS ---
	Ross Miller	Beau T Shrable
	Personal Injury	
( 6 )	20A81080	Angel Lucas
		Kevin A Leipow
	---	VERSUS ---
	Kenneth Ray Stell	Rosalyn Mintah; Rosalyn Mintah
	Government Employee Insurance (GEICO)	
	Tort - Auto Accident	
( 7 )	20A81662	WILLIAM ROYSTON
		Isaac Babalola
	---	VERSUS ---
	DENARD BURNEY	Kristie Fitzgerald
	Incoming Transfer	



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( 8 )	20A83893	Marcellous Gulley
	---	Sabrina L. Zellner
	VERSUS ---	
	Eric Osborne	Pro Se; William S Cowsert;
		William S Cowsert
	Farmers Insurance Exchange	
	Tort - Auto Accident	
( 9 )	21A01257	ASHANTA MITCHELL
	---	Daniel J Saxton
	VERSUS ---	
	ULRIC ORLETTE HAMER	Wallace Miller, III.
	SAFECO INSURANCE	
	COMPANY OF INDIANA	
	Tort - Auto Accident	
( 10 )	21A01522	Luis F. Cardoza Flores
	---	Michael E Carroll
	VERSUS ---	
	Brandon Poe	Ulyana G Hamilton; Adrian Britt
	Tort - Auto Accident	
( 11 )	21A02599	Debbie D. Pinkins
	---	Adewale Odetunde
	VERSUS ---	
	Wesley Walker	Grant Butler Smith; Grant Butler
		Smith
	Tort - Auto Accident	



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( 12 )	21A03074	Malik Higgins	Hector J Rojas, Jr.
		--- VERSUS ---	
		Jordan Lamar	Zhengchen "Ellen" Lu

Tort - Auto Accident

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( 13 )	21A03177	Kumar Darjee	Jason T Schneider; Jason E Duncan
		--- VERSUS ---	
		Ahmed Mohamed	Michael C Davis

Tort - Auto Accident

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( 14 )	21A03244	Vita Michele Rome	Campbell Williamson
		--- VERSUS ---	
		Theodore Gillard	Marcia S Freeman
		USAA Casualty Insurance Company	

Tort - Auto Accident

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( 15 )	21A03289	JODI MILLER	Todd L. McFarland
		--- VERSUS ---	
		MACALOUS ESTERS	Denice A Byrd
		GEICO Casualty Company	

State General Civil

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( 16 )     21A03547     DEMITRIUS SHAVERS     Daniel J Saxton

--- VERSUS ---

TIFFANY LASHAY MOORE     Robert Anthony Fischer

Tort - Auto Accident

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( 17 )     21A03898     Rodney Daniel     Alexander D Perwich, III.;  
Alexander D Perwich, III.

--- VERSUS ---

Natalie DeGeeter     LaShawnda M Sampson;  
LaShawnda M Sampson

Personal Injury

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( 18 )     21A04407     Yolando Little     Joseph M Todd

--- VERSUS ---

Shaquille Long     Pro Se; Pro Se

ALLSTATE INSURANCE  
COMPANY

Personal Injury

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( 19 )     21A04449     Benise-Dowling & Associates,  
LLC     A Christian Wilson

--- VERSUS ---

Variable Steel Unlimited, LLC     William Hector Arroyo

Contract / Account

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( 20 )	21A04670	Carlos Morales Gonzalez
	---	Candace Malone
	VERSUS ---	
	Hilda Librado Cruz	Thomas Eugene Brennan;
		Thomas Eugene Brennan
	Geico General Insurance Company	
	Tort - Auto Accident	
( 21 )	21A04808	Arlene Peer
	---	Michael A Prieto; Michael A
	VERSUS ---	Prieto
	Tucker Operating Group, LLC d/b/a Tucker Wellness and Rehabilitation Center f/k/	Kristina E. Thompson; Kristina E. Thompson; Kristina E. Thompson; Kristina E. Thompson
	Tort-Professional Negligence	
( 22 )	21A04818	Keenen Mullins
	---	Michael L Thompson
	VERSUS ---	
	Donice Alexander	Janet C Allen
	Tort - Auto Accident	
( 23 )	21A05483	GARY STEVEN FULLER
	---	Evan T Rosenberg
	VERSUS ---	
	NIXON BELTRAN LOPEZ	Dontez Mars; D Nathan Chong
	Tort - Auto Accident	





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( 24 )     21A05518	ROLANDO REYES  --- VERSUS ---  JULIO GUTIERREZ SOLIS  Ethio-American Insurance Company; Ethio-American Insurance Company  Tort - Auto Accident	E Blake Durham    Michael J Moore
( 25 )     21A05652	James Sampsel  --- VERSUS ---  Thompson Tractor CO., INC.	Claudia B Caycho-Acosta   Steven J DeFrank; Steven J DeFrank
Personal Injury		
( 26 )     23A01021	Synchrony Bank  --- VERSUS ---  Frank A Howell, Sr.	Robert J Orovitz   Pro Se
Magistrate Appeal to State Court		